

November 15, 2005

**Via ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Petition for Temporary Designation as an ETC for Katrina Relief - Alltel Communications, Inc.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Alltel Communications, Inc. ("Alltel"), I am writing to provide the following clarification to Alltel's petition for temporary designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") to provide a Lifeline offering under the Commission's recent *Katrina Order*.<sup>1</sup>

Plan One in Alltel's proposed offering (300 prepaid minutes and a free phone for new customers) is to be available only in Alltel's licensed service area through its retail stores. As noted in footnote 3 to its application, this consists solely of Alltel's territory prior to its merger with Western Wireless, and includes all of its current Gulf Coast territory. In addition to FEMA qualification and the further qualifications referenced in the application, consistent with the *Katrina Order*, rates, terms and conditions of service of this prepaid offering are to be governed by the rate sheets in effect for the state in which the service is obtained.

Plan Two (for existing prepaid customers) and Plan Three (for existing postpaid customers), as described in the application, are intended to afford the temporary Lifeline benefit to existing subscribers who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina, and will be available to existing Alltel subscribers without regard to where they may be physically located. The rates, terms and conditions of these offerings will also be governed by the rate sheets in effect for the state in which the service was obtained and where the account is shown to be located, Alltel's

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<sup>1</sup> Application of Alltel Communications, Inc., for temporary Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Under the Alternative Designation Process, WC Docket No. 03-109 (filed Nov. 8, 2005).

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general terms and conditions of service, and the further qualifications referenced in Alltel's application.

Please address any questions to undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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